



March Meeting

Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

11:30 am

**AAUW Scholarship Recipient Luncheon** 

### Please RSVP!

# AAUW Scholarship Recipient Luncheon

Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.

Midtown Bistro –back dining room 901 W San Mateo Road, Santa Fe

Please join us for a luncheon and a presentation by AAUW Honoree Adeline Fanni

Adeline is pursuing a doctorate in Biomedical Engineering with a focus on health and research. She is currently a second-year PhD student at UNM and passed the qualifying exam in August 2016. Her research project is focusing on Alzheimer's disease, its propagation and possible treatments. In addition to working on her research project, Adeline mentors young women and encourages them to pursue careers in STEM fields. We look forward to meeting her at our April 14<sup>th</sup> luncheon.

> RSVP via email or phone by <u>FRIDAY, APRIL 6th</u> (please note extended deadline!) to Judy Kares at <u>jkares@earthlink.net</u> or call and leave a message at (505) 474-0799

> > Note: AAUW members can order from Midtown Bistro's luncheon menu and receive individual checks with a 20% gratuity added to your bill.

Friday, April 20th to Sunday, April 22ndAAUW-New Mexico State Convention

**Carlsbad, New Mexico** 

New Mexico State University-Carlsbad Branch Campus

The AAUW-NM State Convention will be held this year in Carlsbad, from Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The theme is "*Back to the Future: Connecting our Past to our Future*," highlighting AAUW's new strategic planning focus: to develop compelling vision, strategies, and structures for AAUW's future.

Gloria Blackwell, AAUW *National* Senior VP, Fellowships and Programs will attend our convention and update us on this national initiative and how we can all participate in ensuring its success.



Along with peering into our future, we also want to acknowledge past achievements. This year is Carlsbad Branch's 90th Anniversary and AAUW-NM's 85th Anniversary, and we want to celebrate both milestones by highlighting some of our "older, wiser" members and some of the junior and senior high school girls whom we honor locally.

The convention will be held at New Mexico State University-Carlsbad Branch Campus overlooking the community. During the convention, some of the amazing girls and young women in the Carlsbad community will share their perceptions and hopes, as we examine what the future holds for women and girls. We will also hear from incredible trailblazers who will share their perceptions and experiences tackling leadership roles as women. Then, we will bridge the gap and hear from both groups as we examine our role in the strategic planning of AAUW's future.

Plans also include sessions that allow us to meet with our counterparts from other branches and discuss the practical application of our plans in our own communities. Finally, no convention is complete without conducting business and participating in a Townhall discussion! On Friday evening, we have made arrangements for two different fun and social outings. Convention goers can choose between a Riverboat Cruise or testing their creative skills with wine and painting at Uncorked Art! At the Saturday night banquet, in addition to our usual celebratory evening, we are planning to enjoy a special evening at the Living Desert Zoo & Gardens.

Plan to join us in Carlsbad for a fun-filled, motivating journey considering our past, our future, and how we make things work for women and girls! <u>Register with the form found at this link</u>: <u>AAUW-NM Convention Registration Form</u> <u>Questions?</u> <u>Contact Roxanne ''Rocky'' Lara</u> at: (575) 302-6667 or <u>rockylara575@gmail.com</u>

### HOTEL INFORMATION

The hotel rates in Carlsbad are very high so we are excited to have negotiated and secured a hotel room rate of just \$169.00 a night for either a double or king room at the Comfort Inn & Suites, 2600 West Pierce St., Carlsbad. Call 575-689-8222 to reserve your room as part of the "AAUW Carlsbad Group." The hotel is located near NMSU-C and will be easy to get to and from the convention.

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### Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 5 to 7:30 pm Adelante Supper

Spring is here, and it is time for our generous AAUW members to participate in our Adelante Supper. Each week on Wednesdays, the Adelante Juntos Program for homeless families in Santa Fe provides dinner to the families they serve. On April 25<sup>th</sup>, AAUW is going to provide the Wednesday dinner.

- Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>
- 5 to 7:30 pm Dinner in school cafeteria
- Sweeney Elementary School, 501 Airport Road---at the corner of Airport and Meadows Roads



There are several ways to participate. You could prepare pasta, or make a salad, or help serve and clean up.

Adelante is a Santa Fe Public School program serving homeless children and their families with the goal of keeping children in school. The Adelante Juntos Program is a weekly project conducted throughout the school year during which a hot dinner is served, and a parent education class is provided promoting family communication, financial literacy, health and academic achievement. There are also art classes for kids and mentoring and homework help for teens. Also provided to families are fresh groceries, free books and clothing, and comprehensive case management. More than anything, though, Juntos creates community, and is a time for families to relax, learn and enjoy each other. The program takes place on Wednesday nights at Sweeney Elementary school.

**Esther Milnes** is our Adelante Contact Person. If you are interested in participating in this worthy annual event, please contact Esther at <u>esthermilnes@gmail.com</u> or (505) 467-8684.



### STEM News

Our very own Lina Germann, on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Excellence in STEM Awards with her STEMY for Non-Profit of the Year in New Mexico!



The STEMYS are presented by the Air Force Research Laboratory on the Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, in conjunction with sponsors including the Title Sponsor Deloitte, as well as KOB4 Television, the University of New Mexico, and Intel Corporation. Of the eleven STEMY recipients, **STEM Santa Fe** was the only one from Santa Fe.

Lina and her nonprofit **STEM Santa Fe** were awarded a STEMY for demonstrating excellence in providing STEM activities and opportunities for children in Santa Fe. Her Expanding Your Horizons conferences Julia Robinson Math Festivals, and after-school STEM clubs were highlighted as vital activities Lina provides to encourage STEM interest in children.





## Membership News

At this time, our AAUW Santa Fe branch as 99 members who have paid their dues through 2018. Membership expires June 30, 2018.

Membership renewal dues will be \$95 (\$59 National, \$18 State, \$18 Branch). Of the National Dues, \$56 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution. In light of this national increase, our branch will NOT be increasing our dues by the additional \$2/year we were authorized at last year's business meeting.

You can renew online by credit card. Invoices will be sent by email with the link allowing you to do that. If you wish to renew by check, make your check out for \$95.00 to AAUW – Santa Fe and mail your check to:

AAUW Santa Fe P.O. Box 31584 Santa Fe, NM 87594-1584

Annual dues to National currently account for 13 percent of National AAUW's annual budget. They help to sustain and grow AAUW's programs and work that advances equity for women and girls. A combination of dues, donations, and corporate and foundation funding is critical to supporting AAUW's <u>salary negotiation workshops</u>, groundbreaking <u>research</u>, <u>advocacy</u> efforts, <u>campus leadership programs</u>, and so much more.



If you have any questions or concerns about Membership issues, please contact: Luanne Moyer, AAUW Santa Fe – Membership VP at: <u>ca\_mom2000@hotmail.com</u> or (505) 820-0223

### Interest Groups

### **Book Women**

The Book Women Group meets once a month at 7 p.m. at a member's home. At our monthly meetings, we discuss the reading selection of the month. We read a variety of books including but not limited to fiction, non-fiction, mysteries, and biographies. Our group is currently full. Contact Judy Kares at (505) 474-0799 or jkares@earthlink.net for more information or to get on the wait list.

### **Knitting Club**

The AAUW knitting group is an interest group for women who like to do handwork, including knitting, crocheting, embroidery, weaving, sewing, etc. We initially organized to knit warm scarves and hats for children in the Adelante program in the public schools. We meet informally to chat and share knitting projects and techniques. Instruction is available for those wanting to learn to knit or

crochet. The group meets the first and third Mondays of the month at 1:00 at one of the tables in the de Vargas Mall near the Op. Cit. bookstore. Please contact Sandra Bradley at sandbrad@aol.com for more information.

#### **Daylighters Book Group**

The Daylighters Book Group meets on the second Wednesday of the month, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. We either read and discuss books on selected topics or we will read and discuss the same book. This month, April, the Daylighters will meet at the Loyal Hound in Santa Fe. The book we are reading is *Sing Unburied Sing: A Novel* by Jessmyn Ward, a novel that is "rendered with such stinging beauty and restrained emotion that despite the anguish taking place on the pages, you won't want it to end." (Amazon) Everyone is welcome to our Book Club. For more information, contact Connie Petersen at valkyrie719@yahoo.com.

### **Hiking Group**

The Hiking Group hikes from approximately April through mid-November, depending on the weather. Our hikes usually last two to three hours and the locations vary. There are two hikes each month. <u>April's hiking schedule will be announced after our</u> <u>Planning Meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup></u>. Anyone who is interested in hiking, please contact Sue Mathews at <u>alnsueinnm@gmail.com</u> or Luanne Moyer at <u>ca\_mom2000@hotmail.com</u>.

### **Cocktails & Conversation**

The Cocktails and Conversation Group is a National AAUW program from Program in a Box. The idea is for local AAUW members to meet in a public bar and discuss issues pertaining to AAUW locally and nationally. We meet the second Friday of each month. We have a New location for Cocktails & Conversation: AAUW now meets at the <u>Inn at the Loretto</u> for cocktails. The Inn is at the corner of Alameda and Old Santa Fe trail. You enter on Old Santa Fe Trail. Parking is free with validation. Happy Hour prices are in the \$5 range for drinks and appetizers. Meet in the bar which is named <u>The Living Room</u>. Happy Hour is from 4:00 to 6:30pm; we usually meet from 4:00 to 6:00. Contact Jeanne Patrick (505) 984-1720 for more information.

